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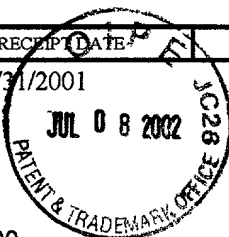


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NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

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This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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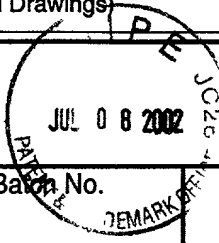
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TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

(In Response to Notice of Informal Drawings)

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Address to:

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231In response to the NOTICE OF INFORMAL DRAWINGS mailed on May 7, 2002 attached please find:
(date)

(a) 9 sheets of formal drawing(s) for this application.

☒ Each sheet of drawing indicates the identifying indicia suggested in 37 CFR Section 1.84(c).

(b) A copy of the NOTICE OF INFORMAL DRAWINGS.

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Fax: (609) 919-4401Dated: July 2, 2002I certify that this document and attached drawings are being deposited July 2, 2002 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

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This is a response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted (PTO-1533) mailed on
May 7, 2002
Date

Enclosed herewith for filing are the following:

- ☒ A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted (PTO-1533). **(REQUIRED)**
- ☐ An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, including residence information and identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date.
- ☐ A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date.
- ☐ An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 listing the names of all inventors and signed by the omitted inventor(s), identifying this application by the above Application Number and Filing Date.
- ☐ A verified English translation of the non-English language application papers as originally filed. It is requested that this translation be used as the copy for examination purposes in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.
- ☐ _____ verified small entity declaration(s)
 - ☐ is/are attached.
 - ☐ was/were filed on _____
- ☐ A separate request for refund.

☒ Other (list):

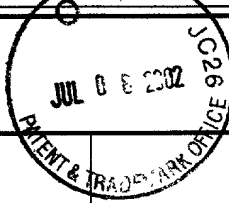
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Attention: Manager, Application Branch

☐ Completion of application fees as calculated below:

☐ Utility application filing fee _____

☐ Design application filing fee _____

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☐ Total number of claims = _____

☐ Multiple dependent claims _____

☐ Surcharge for late payment of filing fee and/or late filing of original declaration or oath _____

☐ Petition and fee for filing by other than all the inventors or a person not the inventor _____

☐ Fee for processing an application filed with a non-English language specification _____

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Total completion of application fees _____

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the above-identified Notice to File Missing Parts of Application. The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired). If an additional time extension is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

☐ One month ☐ Two months ☐ Three months ☐ Four months ☐ Five months

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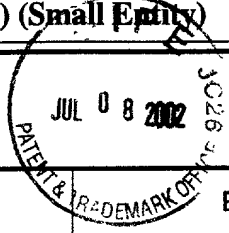
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Attention: Manager, Application Branch

The fee of _____ is to be paid as follows:

- ☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2061
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☐ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-2061
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